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The following explanation has been made on the size of the Bolivian Partido Izquierda Revolucionario (PIR) vote in the 1 May elections in comparison with figures on party strength previously reported:

1. Elections were not held in all political divisions of the country, and hence not all PIR members and sympathizers had an opportunity to vote. Elections were held for one half of the Chamber of Deputies or 56 members, and one third of the Senate or 9 members. The Provinces and Departmental capitals where Deputies were elected and the Departments where Senators were elected had been determined by lot.
2. There were no elections of any kind held in the cities of Santa Cruz, Potosi and Oruro, which is thought to account for the fact that the PIR vote in those Departments was low in relation to the reported party strength there.
3. In the Departments of Chuquisaca, Beni and Tarija, Department-wide senatorial elections were held. In only those departments did every eligible individual in the department have an opportunity to vote. The PIR vote in Chuquisaca and Beni was high in relation to the number of registered PIR members for the two regions. The PIR made a poor showing in the MNR stronghold of Tarija.

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